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Claim 1.

A layout tool comprising:

a left foot having a first upper surface and a first lower
5 surface;

a right foot having a second upper surface and a second
lower surface;

a connecting bar connecting the left foot with the right
foot such that the connecting bar has various measurement marks
10 thereon for taking various measurements whenever the tool is
placed at a reference point.

Claim 2.

The layout tool as in claim 1 wherein the connecting bar is
connected to the first lower surface of the left foot and the
15 second lower surface of the right foot.

Claim 3.

The layout tool as in claim 1 wherein an edge of the
connecting bar has ruler markings thereon for taking spacing
measurements.

20 Claim 4.

The layout tool as in claim 1 wherein the measurement marks
include a left measurement mark subset located proximate the left
foot and the a right measurement mark subset located proximate
the right foot, the left measurement mark subset being

symmetrical with the right measurement mark subset about a central point of the connecting bar.

Claim 5.

The layout tool as in claim 1 wherein the measurement marks
5 include a joining corner mark, a corner mark, a first intersecting wall mark, and a second intersecting wall mark.

Claim 6.

The layout tool as in claim 5 wherein the joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from an inner edge of the left foot,
10 the corner mark is located 4.5 inches from an outer edge of the left foot, the first intersecting wall mark is located 3.5 inches from the inner edge of the left foot, and the second intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the outer edge of the left foot.

15 **Claim 7.**

The layout tool as in claim 5 wherein the joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from an inner edge of the right foot, the corner mark is located 4.5 inches from an outer edge of the right foot, the first intersecting wall mark is located 3.5
20 inches from the inner edge of the right foot, and the second intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the outer edge of the right foot.

Claim 8.

The layout tool as in claim 1 wherein the measurement marks
25 include a left joining corner mark, a left corner mark, a first

left intersecting wall mark, a second left intersecting wall mark, a right joining corner mark, a right corner mark, a first right intersecting wall mark, and a second right intersecting wall mark.

5 Claim 9.

The layout tool as in claim 8 wherein the left joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from a first inner edge of the left foot, the left corner mark is located 4.5 inches from a first outer edge of the left foot, the first left intersecting wall mark is located 3.5 inches from the first inner edge of the left foot, the second left intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the first outer edge of the left foot, the right joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from a second inner edge of the right foot, the right corner mark is located 4.5 inches from a second outer edge of the right foot, the first right intersecting wall mark is located 3.5 inches from the second inner edge of the right foot, and the second right intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the second outer edge of the right foot.

20 Claim 10.

The layout tool as in claim 1 further comprising:
a left opening located within the left foot; and
a right opening located within the right foot.

Claim 11.

The layout tool as in claim 10 wherein the left opening is located 16 inches from the right opening.

Claim 12.

5 A layout tool comprising:

a left foot having a first upper surface and a first lower surface;

a right foot having a second upper surface and a second lower surface;

10 a connecting bar connecting the left foot with the right foot such that the connecting bar has various measurement marks thereon for taking various measurements whenever the tool is placed at a reference point;

a left opening located within the left foot; and

15 a right opening located within the right foot located 16 inches from the left opening.

Claim 13.

The layout tool as in claim 12 wherein the connecting bar is connected to the first lower surface of the left foot and the
20 second lower surface of the right foot.

Claim 14.

The layout tool as in claim 12 wherein an edge of the connecting bar has ruler markings thereon for taking spacing measurements.

Claim 15.

The layout tool as in claim 12 wherein the measurement marks include a left measurement mark subset located proximate the left foot and the a right measurement mark subset located proximate the right foot, the left measurement mark subset being symmetrical with the right measurement mark subset about a central point of the connecting bar.

Claim 16.

The layout tool as in claim 12 wherein the measurement marks include a joining corner mark, a corner mark, a first intersecting wall mark, and a second intersecting wall mark.

Claim 17.

The layout tool as in claim 16 wherein the joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from an inner edge of the left foot, the corner mark is located 4.5 inches from an outer edge of the left foot, the first intersecting wall mark is located 3.5 inches from the inner edge of the left foot, and the second intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the outer edge of the left foot.

Claim 18.

The layout tool as in claim 16 wherein the joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from an inner edge of the right foot, the corner mark is located 4.5 inches from an outer edge of the right foot, the first intersecting wall mark is located 3.5 inches from the inner edge of the right foot, and the second

intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the outer edge of the right foot.

Claim 19.

The layout tool as in claim 12 wherein the measurement marks
5 include a left joining corner mark, a left corner mark, a first left intersecting wall mark, a second left intersecting wall mark, a right joining corner mark, a right corner mark, a first right intersecting wall mark, and a second right intersecting wall mark.

10 Claim 20.

The layout tool as in claim 19 wherein the left joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from a first inner edge of the left foot, the left corner mark is located 4.5 inches from a first outer edge of the left foot, the first left intersecting
15 wall mark is located 3.5 inches from the first inner edge of the left foot, the second left intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the first outer edge of the left foot, the right joining corner mark is located 2.75 inches from a second inner edge of the right foot, the right corner mark is located 4.5
20 inches from a second outer edge of the right foot, the first right intersecting wall mark is located 3.5 inches from the second inner edge of the right foot, and the second right intersecting wall mark is located 7 inches from the second outer edge of the right foot.